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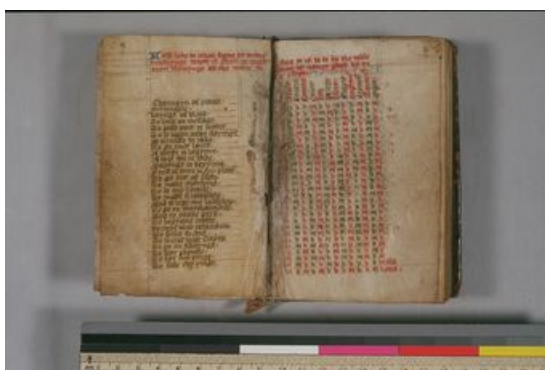
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Text 1: f. 1 blank; ff. 1v-33

Title: Divination; prognostication; physiognomy; meaning of winds

Language(s): English

Notes: Paul Acker, "A Middle English Prognostication by Winds in Columbia University, Plimpton MS 260," *Journal of the Early Book Society* 8 (2005): 261-67.



ff. 1v-2 Good and bad activities according to the zodiac and the moon.

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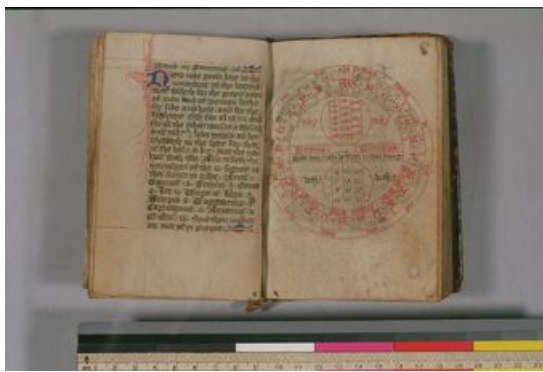
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ff. 3v-4 Women's names in alphabetical order (by first letter only).

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ff. 13v-14 Astrological diagram; 3-line gold initial.

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ff. 30v-31 Hierarchy of decoration with 2-line flourished initials in blue, alternating 1-line plain red and blue initials, and both colors in jigsaw line fillers.

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Text 2: ff. 59-130; ff. 130v-134v blank

Title: Wise Boke of Philosophie and Astronomy

Language(s): English

Notes: Carrie Griffin, ed., The Middle English 'Wise Book of Philosophy and Astronomy' A Parallel-Text Edition. Edited from London, British Library, MS Sloane 2453 with a Parallel Text from New York, Columbia University, MS Plimpton 260. Middle English Texts 47 (Heidelberg: Winter, 2013).



ff. 112v-113 Astrological characters for a woman born under the sign of Libra.

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Text 3: ff. 33-57v; f. 58r-v blank

Title: Boke of Pawmestry

Language(s): English

Notes: Paul Acker, "The Book of Palmistry" in *Popular and Practical Science of Medieval England*, ed. Lister M. Matheson (East Lansing: Colleagues Press, 1994), 141-83.



ff. 39v-40 Diagram of hands with the line of life.

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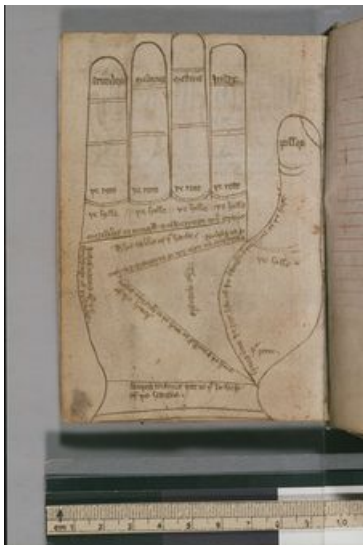
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ff. 56v-57 Diagrams of hands; pouncing of diagram on verso in order to reproduce it; offset of red and blue line filler from recto onto facing verso.

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